Fall in industrial growth of infrastructural sectors

*454. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the industrial infrastructural sectors registered a fall of 2.6 per cent in the first eight months of the financial year 1993-94, with a growth rate of 5.6 per cent as against the targetted 8 per cent;

(b) whether the sectors which registered the most significant fall in growth were crucial areas like fertilisers, crude oil, saleable steel, Railways and cement;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps Government intend to take to halt this industrial decline and encourage industrial growth in the core sectors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) . (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

(d) The Standing Committee of Secretaries on industrial infrastructure regularly monitors the performance of key infrastructure industries for taking necessary remedial measures. In the budget for 1994-95, plan outlay for infrastructure sectors has been increased. Besides, private investment is now being invited in power, steel and petroleum sectors to supplement public and Government resources.

Performance of Infrastructure Sector during April—November 1993

S. No.	Sector	Unit	April-Nov. 1993		Rate of Growth	
			Target	Actual	Targeted (Percent)	Actual
1.	Power	BU	209.0	209.6	7.1	7.5
2.	Coal	MT	140.7	141.8	4.0	4.8
3.	Saleable Steel	MT	8.5	7.6	16.8	4.
4.	Cement	MT	40.4	36.9	15.3	5.3
5.	Crude Petroleum	MT	18.0	17.7	—0.9	—2.8
6.	Petroleum Refinery (Throughput)	MT	34.5	35.9	—3.4	0.5
7.	Fertilizer	MT	6.4	5.8	—1.5	—10.7
8.	Railway Revenue Freight Traffic	MT	237.8	227.5	6.1	1.5
9.	Cargo handled at major ports	MT	109.3	114.0	1.8	6.1

Note : B.U. Billion Units
M.T.—Million Tonnes.

Targeted growth rate in percent is the growth of targeted production for April—November 1993 over April—November 1992 actual.

Actual growth rate in percent is the growth of actual production during April—November 1993 over April—November 1992 actual.

Reimposition of Control on Price and Distribution of Molasses

*455. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is persistent demand to reimpose controls on price and distribution of molasses and alcohol;

(b) if so, whether the alcohol based chemical units are losing their viability due to decontrol of molasses;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV) : (a) to (c) The alcohol based Chemical Industry has been persis-